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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes
May 20, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 164-B, Schoodic Point (Winter Harbor) to the Canadian Border: This notice reduces the exception area for the harvesting of mahogany quahogs in eastern Maine from Ripley Neck (Harrington) to Howard Point (Machiasport). Bivalve shellfish may be wet stored by certified dealers who are located in an exception area and currently hold a valid wet storage permit issued by the Department in accordance with DMR Regulations 15.32 to 15.35. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

Effective immediately, because of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any ocean quahogs (*Arctica islandica*) from Maine coastal waters and those offshore waters of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ/200 mile limit) east of a line beginning at Schoodic Point (Winter Harbor) due south to the limits of US jurisdiction; AND west of the US/Canadian border.

EXCEPTION: Ocean quahogs may be harvested east of a line beginning at the south tip of Ripley Neck (Harrington) running south to the eastern tip of Dyer Island (Harrington), then south to the western tip of Flint Island (Harrington), then south to the limits of US jurisdiction; AND west of ~~the US/Canadian border~~ a line beginning at the southern tip of Howard Pt (Machiasport) running south to the limits of US jurisdiction. Ocean quahogs may not be harvested from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or kohl.kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Kohl Kanwit
Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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(Effective Time)



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